

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Electrification Administration
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Administrative Memorandum

SUBJECT: Per Diem and Mileage Rates for REA Travelers

1. It shall be the responsibility of all administrative officials and travelers to insure that travel is performed with maximum economy consistent with the effective conduct of official business. To this end, careful consideration as to cost must be given by the official requesting the travel.
2. Effective at 12:01 a.m. May 1, 1950, per diem and mileage allowances for all REA personnel in travel status will be paid in accordance with the following rates and conditions.
 - a. Per Diem allowances shall be as follows:
 - (1) \$7.00 per diem shall be allowed for REA personnel in travel status, except that \$8.00 shall be allowed for the day of arrival in a town, the population of which is 50,000 or more and in which the night is spent; \$8.00 shall be paid for each succeeding day, the night of which is spent in such town.
 - (2) The population, as referred to above, shall be taken from the latest official U. S. Census report.
 - (3) The above rates shall be increased by \$3.00 for travel performed in the Territory of Alaska, Hawaii, and the Virgin Islands.
 - b. Mileage allowances shall be as follows:
 - (1) Seven cents (7¢) per mile for the use of privately-owned automobiles or airplanes in those instances where such mode of travel has been determined to be advantageous to the Government. The official initiating the Request for Travel shall be responsible for

having determined that, whenever a mileage rate of seven cents (7¢) per mile is stipulated for automobile travel, such travel by privately-owned automobile is definitely in the best interests of, and advantageous to, the Government.

- (2) Four cents (4¢) per mile for the use of privately-owned automobile or airplane in those instances where the specific assignment could be performed satisfactorily by means of common carrier.
3. This Memorandum supersedes Administrative Memorandum MT-M4 and effective May 1, 1950 supersedes Administrative Memorandum MT-M7 and all other existing instructions in conflict with the provisions of this Memorandum.

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